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1. SUMMARY. FCO AND JAPANESE EMBASSY AGREE THAT TANAKA VISIT TO UK WAS SUCCESS. THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS DISCUSSED WERE THE EUROPE-JAPAN-US TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP AND THE WORLD ENERGY PROBLEM. ON TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP JAPANESE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY DECLARATION BUT DID NOT TAKE INITIATIVE ON MODALITIES OF JAPANESE PARTICIPATION. WARM UK WELCOME FOR TANAKA REFLECTS GROWING IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN TO UK. END SUMMARY.

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2. WE DISCUSSED TANAKA VISIT TO UK WITH RICHARD EVANS,

HEAD OF FCO FAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT AND WITH TOSHIJIRO NAKAJIMA, MINISTER OF JAPANESE EMBASSY ON OCTOBER 9. BOTH AGREED THAT THE VISIT WAS A SUCCESS. NAKAJIMA MADE POINT THAT WARM UK WELCOME FOR TANAKA HAD BEEN VERY GRATIFYING TO JAPANESE.

3. BOTH EVANS AND NAKAJIMA REPORT THAT LARGE MAJORITY OF DISCUSSION TIME WAS SPENT ON TWO SUBJECTS: US/EUROPE/ JAPAN RELATIONSHIP AND ENERGY CRISIS. EVANS SAID RELATIONSHIP QUESTION WAS MOST IMPORTANT. NAKAJIMA SEEMED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO ENERGY PROBLEM.

4. ON TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP, EVANS SAID UK HAD EXPECTED TANAKA TO HAVE AT LEAST A FAIRLY WELL ORGANIZED SET OF VIEWS BUT THIS DID NOT TURN OUT TO BE THE CASE. THE JAPANESE TOOK NO INITIATIVES BUT DID RESPOND TO HMG THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ASSOCIATED WITH A US/ EUROPEAN DECLARATION. HEATH SAID THAT ASSOCIATION COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THREE BILATERAL DECLARATIONS (US/ EUROPE, US/JAPAN, JAPAN/EUROPE) OR BY A BROAD "CHAPEAU" SURMOUNTING A US/EUROPE EXCHANGE. TANAKA DID NOT EXPRESS A PREFERENCE ON THIS POINT.

5. NAKAJIMA CONFIRMED THAT JAPANESE POLICY IS THAT THEY WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE US/EUROPE EFFORT BUT THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE PUT IN POSITION OF HAVING TO SIGN A DOCUMENT WHICH IS ALREADY FULLY NEGOTIATED. GOJ WILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING. EVANS SAID TANAKA DID NOT EXPRESS LATTER CONCERN TO BRITISH. EVANS ID MAIN THRUST OF TANAKA'S STATEMENTS ABOUT JAPANESE RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE WAS THAT THE "PIPES" THROUGH WHICH RELATIONSHIPS FLOW MUST BE MADE THICKER, I.E., EUROPE AND JAPAN MUST FIND WAYS TO BROADEN AND DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS.

6. NAKAJIMA FURTHER SAID THAT IN TANAKA MEETINGS, FRENCH SEEMED WILLING TO HAVE TWO-SIDED COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND JAPAN BUT WERE NOT SO READY TO HAVE A TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP. PRIME MINISTER HEATH, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEEMEE WILLING TT ESTABLISH THREE-SIDED RELATIONSHIP.

7. ENERGY PROBLEM WAS THE SECOND IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS. EVANS SAID TANAKA HAD FOUR MAAOR IDEAS ON OIL. (L) HE THOUGHT OIL-PROVIDING COUNTRIES MIGHT BE INDUCED TO DEVOTE SURPLUS FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES TO

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THE PURCHASE
OF DEVELOPMENT BONDS WHICH WOULD BE USED
IN FINANCING PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT SUB-
SIDIZED INTEREST RATES (WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES--JAPAN,
UK, US, ETC.--DOING SUBSIDIZING). THIS WOULD BENEFIT
ALL BY ASSURING OIL SUPPLIES, PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT AND
IMMOBILIZING TROUBLESOME FOREIGN EXCHANGE SURPLUSES.
(2) TANAKA OFFERED TO STIMULATE JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN

NORTH SEA OIL WITH UNDERSTANDING JAPAN WOULD NOT TAKE OIL FROM NORTH SEA BUT WOULD BE ASSURED OF SUPPLIES FROM OTHER OIL-PRODUCING AREAS. AS ADDED SWEETENER JAPAN WOULD INVEST IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (I.E., SCOTLAND) IN UK. (3) MAJOR COUNTRIES MIGHT UNDERTAKE JOINT VENTURES IN BUILDING AND OPERATING REFINERIES, TANKERS, ETC. (4) ANGLO-JAPANESE COOPERATION IN OIL PROJECTS MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED IN SOME COUNTRIES IN AFRICA. THIS SUBJECT BEING REPORTED MORE FULLY BY SEPTTEL.

8. ON TRADE, HMG EMPHASIS WAS THAT THERE SHOULD BE A BALANCED EXAMINATION OF UK-JAPANESE TRADE. HMG POINTED OUT THAT BRITISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS CONCERNED OVER RAPID EXPANSION OF IMPORTS OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF

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JAPANESE PRODUCTS (E.G., AUTOMOBILES, CERTAIN TEXTILES, ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS, TV) AND SAID THAT THESE "SECTORIAL PROBLEMS" SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO GET OUT OF CONTROL. ON EXPORT SIDE, UK SOUGHT SOME RELIEF ON CERTAIN NONTARIFF BARRIERS, INCLUDING THOSE ON SCOTCH WHISKEY. NO BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED. THIS SUBJECT WILL ALSO BE REPORTED MORE FULLY BY SEPTTEL.

9. AID TO INDOCHINA. EVANS REPORTED THAT TANAKA SAID JAPAN IS PREPARED TO GIVE AID TO BOTH DRV AND GVN. BUT LION'S SHARE, 40 MILLION DOLLARS, WOULD GO TO GVN, WHILE DRV WOULD GET 20 MILLION DOLLARS. TANAKA DID NOT INDICATE PERIOD OVER WHICH AID WOULD BE GIVEN.

10. EVANS SAID THAT HMG HAD MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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GIVE TANAKA A WARM WELCOME. TANAKA AND HEATH MET THREE TIMES (TWO FORMAL MEETINGS) INSTEAD OF TWICE AS PLANNED. TANAKA AND OHIRA WERE RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN. MOST SIGNIFICANTLY THE PALACE AGREED TO A ROYAL VISIT TO JAPAN IN 1975 AND ALLOWED THE NEWS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE HEATH-TANAKA COMMUNIQUE. THIS IS ALMOST WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN THAT ROYAL VISITS NEVER ANNOUNCED SO FAR IN ADVANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE INVARIABLY MADE BY PALACE, NOT BY GOVERNMENT AND NEVER, TO ANYONE'S RECOLLECTION IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. EVANS SAID CAREFUL HANDLING OF TANAKA REFLECTS HMG APPRECIATION FOR WARM RECEPTION OF HEATH IN JAPAN LAST YEAR AND GROWING IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN TO UK.

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